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**To the Chairman and Members of the  
Porthcawl Urban District Council.**

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the Urban District of Porthcawl for the year 1967. The report has been prepared on the lines laid down in Circular 1/68 (Wales) of the Welsh Board of Health.

Area of Urban District .....	3,737 acres
Rateable Value at 1967 .....	£530,414
Product of a Penny Rate (1967) .....	£2,125
Registrar General's estimate of Population Mid 1967 .....	12,810
Census Population figures : —	
Census 1911 .....	3,443
Census 1921 .....	6,642
Census 1931 .....	6,447
	Males 2,476
	Females 3,701
Census 1951 .....	9,529
	Males 4,283
	Females 5,246
Census 1961 .....	11,086
	Males 5,084
	Females 6,002
Censal Increase (1951-61) .....	1,557
Number of inhabited houses, 1921 .....	1,297
Number of inhabited houses, 1961 .....	3,425
Number of inhabited houses, 1967 .....	4,134

**Extracts from Vital Statistics**

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births—			
Total Births .....	216 ...	110 ...	106
Legitimate .....	176 ...	94 ...	92
Illegitimate .....	30 ...	16 ...	14
Still Births :			
Legitimate .....	— ...	— ...	1
Illegitimate .....	2 ...	2 ...	—
Deaths: under 1 year of age			
Legitimate .....	2 ...	— ...	2
Illegitimate .....	1 ...	1 ...	—
Deaths : under 4 weeks of age			
Legitimate .....	1 ...	— ...	1
Illegitimate .....	1 ...	1 ...	—
Deaths : under 1 week of age			
Legitimate .....	— ...	— ...	—
Illegitimate .....	1 ...	1 ...	—

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year .....	14.0
Still Births and Death Rate of Infants under 1 week ...	18.0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) .....	37.0

## GENERAL AND WELFARE SERVICES

### 1— Services provided by the Glamorgan County Council—

- (a) At the Divisional Health Office, Quarella Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2515), the following services are provided :—

Maternity and Child Welfare Home Nursing, Chiropody, Home Help, School Medical and Health visiting. These services are administered by the Divisional Medical Officer.

- (b) Mental Health Services—

The Health Welfare Officers for your area are: Mr. G. H. Davies, 13 South Close, Pencoed (Tel. Pencoed 856); Mrs. A. E. Walters, 1 Hubert Drive, Litchard Park, Bridgend (Tel. Bridgend 3096); Mr. G. R. Gibbs, 6 Heol Fach, Pencoed (Tel. Pencoed 734); and Mr. D. Mahoney, 28 Tan-yr-Allt Avenue, Bridgend (Tel. Bridgend 2271).

- (c) Ambulance Service—

The Ambulance Station for your area is situated at the Ambulance Centre, Canal Road, Neath (Tel. No. Neath 3641).

- (d) Welfare Service—

The local office for this service is at the Cambria House, Wyndham Street, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 3535). Officers of the Welfare Department are available to offer assistance and advice to those in need of hostel accommodation, the blind and the handicapped.

In the Mid-Glamorgan area there are seven County Council Homes, which provide accommodation for aged persons of both sexes. These are Craig-y-Parcau, Bridgend (19M, 20F); Moorlands, Porthcawl (7M, 18F); Danygraig, Porthcawl (21M, 12F); Hyfrydol, Maesteg (12M, 24F); Trem-y-Mor, Bettws (14M, 21F); Troed-y-Ton, Kenfig Hill (8M, 29F); and Llannerch, Merthyr Mawr (15M, 20F).



**GLAMORGAN (ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY)—VITAL STATISTICS, 1967**

						Estimated Population 1967	Live Births			Deaths		Infant Mortality		Peri-Natal Mortality		
							Number of Live Births	Rate per 1,000 population		Number of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population Crude	Ratio of local adjusted Death rate to national rate	Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births	Rate per 1,000 live births	Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week	Rate per 1,000 live and still births
England and Wales	...	...	...	...	...	48,390,800	832,000		17.2	542,519	11.2		14.8	18.3	21,447	25.4
Administrative County	...	...	...	...	...	745,200	12,356	16.6	16.9	8,761	11.8	1.20	19.0	19.0	380	30.0
Urban Districts	...	...	...	...	...	524,670	8,394	16.0	16.5	6,254	11.9	1.21	20.0	20.0	276	32.0
Rural Districts	...	...	...	...	...	220,530	3,962	18.0	18.2	2,507	11.4	1.16	16.0	17.0	104	26.0
Health Division	Constituent Districts															
Aberdare and	Aberdare	Urban	...	...	...	38,450	608	15.8	17.2	560	14.6	1.33	11.0	26.0	17	28.0
Mountain Ash	Mountain Ash	Urban	...	...	...	29,170	485	16.6	16.6	347	11.8	1.26	8.0	23.0	11	22.0
Caerphilly and	Caerphilly	Urban	...	...	...	38,370	760	19.8	19.4	391	10.2	1.17	19.0	20.0	21	27.0
Gelligaer	Gelligaer	Urban	...	...	...	34,770	657	18.9	18.9	385	11.1	1.28	16.0	29.0	17	25.0
Mid-Glamorgan	Bridgend	Urban	...	...	...	15,110	194	12.8	13.2	143	9.5	0.92	10.0	15.0	4	20.0
	Maesteg	Urban	...	...	...	21,350	321	15.0	15.6	268	12.6	1.40	12.0	22.0	11	34.0
	Ogmore and Garw	Urban	...	...	...	20,490	325	15.9	16.4	237	11.6	1.24	33.0	12.0	14	42.0
	Porthcawl	Urban	...	...	...	12,810	216	16.9	18.9	170	13.3	1.05	14.0	14.0	4	18.0
	Penybont	Rural	...	...	...	47,560	1,047	22.0	21.1	552	11.6	1.00	18.0	24.0	36	34.0
Neath and	Neath M.B.	...	...	...	...	30,030	399	13.3	13.8	368	12.3	1.18	20.0	23.0	15	37.0
District	Neath Rural	...	...	...	...	40,920	615	15.0	15.6	488	11.9	1.30	28.0	20.0	25	39.0
Pontypridd and	Llantrisant	Rural	...	...	...	30,920	656	21.2	20.1	323	10.4	1.18	12.0	15.0	14	21.0
Llantrisant	Pontypridd	Urban	...	...	...	35,000	558	15.9	16.2	431	12.3	1.15	19.0	11.0	14	25.0
Port Talbot and	Glyncorrwg	Urban	...	...	...	9,490	177	18.7	18.1	88	9.3	1.20	33.0	23.0	8	44.0
Glyncorrwg	Port Talbot M.B.	...	...	...	...	51,600	823	15.9	15.7	535	10.4	1.26	21.0	17.0	27	32.0
South East	Barry M.B.	...	...	...	...	42,470	661	15.6	16.1	444	10.5	1.02	27.0	23.0	31	46.0
Glamorgan	Cardiff Rural	...	...	...	...	33,830	640	18.9	18.0	367	10.8	1.03	8.0	9.0	7	11.0
	Cowbridge M.B.	...	...	...	...	1,150	22	19.1	19.3	5	4.3	0.36	43.0	—	1	43.0
	Cowbridge Rural	...	...	...	...	21,900	394	18.0	19.3	155	7.1	1.03	17.0	18.0	11	27.0
	Penarth Urban	...	...	...	...	22,390	371	16.6	17.9	290	13.0	1.08	19.0	24.0	13	34.0
West Glamorgan	Gower Rural	...	...	...	...	15,540	244	15.7	16.8	159	10.2	0.97	4.0	8.0	1	4.0
	Llwchwr Urban	...	...	...	...	25,570	392	15.3	16.4	301	11.8	1.16	18.0	13.0	10	25.0
	Pontardawe Rural	...	...	...	...	29,860	366	12.3	13.9	463	15.5	1.40	19.0	16.0	10	27.0
Rhondda M.B.						96,450	1,492	14.8	15.2	1,291	13.4	1.35	28.0	18.0	58	44.0





(e) Children's Department—

The office of the Children's Department of the County Council is at the County Hall, Cardiff. There is however, a sub-office at Minerva Street, Bridgend (Tel. No. 2725).

**2—Hospital Services—**

Hospital facilities for your area are administered by the Mid-Glamorgan Hospital Management Committee. The office of this Committee is at "Garthmor," Old Road, Neath (Tel. No. 3606). The following is a list of the hospitals and clinics serving the Mid Glamorgan area.

- (i) Bridgend General Hospital, Quarella Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 3341)—408 beds.
- (ii) Bridgend and District Cottage Hospital, Merthyrmaur Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. 2427)—36 beds.
- (iii) Cefn Hirgoed Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2478) 78 beds. (54 for Chest Diseases, 10 for Obstetrics, 14 for Gynaecology).
- (iv) Blackmill Isolation Hospital (Tel. Ogmore Valley 207)—44 beds. (26 for Infectious Diseases, 18 for Pre-Convalescence).
- (v) Heddfan, Cefn Hirgoed Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Aberkenfig 240)—16 beds for aged persons.
- (vi) Maesgwyn Hospital, Bryncethin. Tel. No. Aberkenfig 371). —Inpatient—61 beds for aged persons. Day Hospital—Accommodation for 25 persons.
- (vii) Maesteg General Hospital (Tel. Maesteg 3116)—69 beds. (55 General, 14 Maternity).
- (viii) Maesteg Isolation Hospital (Tel. Maesteg 2127)—18 beds. (8 for Infectious Diseases, 10 for Pre-Convalescence).
- (ix) Llwydarth Hospital (Tel. Maesteg 2110)—13 beds. (G.P. beds).

In the Penybont Rural District area, which adjoins your District, there are three mental hospitals under the control of the Morgannwg Hospital Management Committee.

The following are the hospitals :

- (1) Penyfai Hospital ..... 120 beds
- (2) Glanrhyd Hospital ..... 780 beds
- (3) Parc Hospital ..... 1,042 beds
- (vii) Bridgend Chest Clinic, Old Cottage Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2345).
- (viii) V.D. Clinic, Oakwood Street, Port Talbot.

### **3— Services provided by Government Departments—**

#### **(a) Ministry of Social Security.**

The office for the Council's area is situated at — The Central Buildings, Mary Street, Porthcawl (Tel. No. Porthcawl 2282).

This office also serves the following areas in Cornelly, Kenfig, Kenfig Hill and Pyle.

Cases in receipt of benefit referred by the Ministry of Social Security to the Welsh Board of Health, and claimants of a disablement benefit under the National Industrial Injuries Act are examined at "Garth-Celyn," Merthyr Mawr Road, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 3658).

#### **(b) Ministry of Social Security—**

The area office for your district is at Angel Street, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2651).

To assist residents in the Porthcawl area a supplementary station in the Central Buildings, Mary Street, Porthcawl, is open each week on Friday 10-12 a.m.

### **General Practitioner Services.**

This service is provided by the Glamorgan Executive Council, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff. (Tel. No. Cardiff 26216).

### **Laboratory Facilities.**

All bacteriological and chemical analyses relating to water, milk and ice-cream are carried out for your area by the Glamorgan County Laboratory, The Parade, Cardiff.

### **National Assistance Act, 1948.**

#### **(a) Section 50—Burial of the Dead.**

During the year no burial under this section of the Act was required.

#### **(b) Removal to suitable Premises of Persons in need of Care and Attention.**

It was not necessary to take any compulsory action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act. Two persons however, were found to be in need of care and attention and were persuaded to voluntarily enter hospital for care and treatment.

## TUBERCULOSIS

Facilities for the diagnosis and home and clinic treatment of Tuberculosis are obtained through the Chest Physician, Old Cottage Hospital, Bridgend (Tel. No. Bridgend 2345). The Chest Physicians are also responsible for the medical treatment of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis at the Cefn Hirgoed Isolation Hospital.

### New Cases of Mortality during 1967

Particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and of deaths from the disease in the area during 1967.

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pu'monary		Non-Pulmonary		Pu'monary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years ...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—14 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15—24 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—44 years ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—64 years ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

# Notification of Tuberculosis during 1967 and the previous Twenty Years

Year	CASES			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1947	6	7	—	1
1948	4	11	4	2
1949	5	8	2	1
1950	10	6	—	—
1951	3	2	1	1
1952	4	5	3	1
1953	3	3	2	2
1954	1	5	—	1
1955	2	3	—	—
1956	5	—	—	1
1957	5	2	—	2
1958	—	1	—	1
1959	3	1	1	—
1960	3	2	—	—
1961	3	2	—	—
1962	3	3	—	—
1963	—	1	—	—
1964	4	1	—	—
1965	3	1	—	1
1966	3	1	—	—
1967	2	—	—	—

## Deaths from Tuberculosis during 1967 and the Previous Twenty Years

Year	DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
1947	1	1	—	—
1948	1	3	—	—
1949	1	3	—	—
1950	2	2	—	—
1951	1	—	—	—
1952	3	—	—	—
1953	2	1	—	—
1954	—	3	1	—
1955	—	—	—	—
1956	—	—	—	1
1957	—	—	—	—
1958	—	1	—	1
1959	1	—	—	—
1960	1	1	—	—
1961	1	—	—	—
1962	2	—	—	—
1963	—	—	—	—
1964	—	—	—	—
1965	1	—	—	—
1966	—	—	—	—
1967	—	—	—	—

## **SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA**

### **1— Water Supply.**

The statutory water undertaking for the Urban District is the Mid-Glamorgan Water Board of which the Council is a constituent authority with three members sitting on the Board. The other constituent authorities are Cowbridge Borough, the Urban Districts of Maesteg, Bridgend, and Ogmore and Garw, and the Rural Districts of Cowbridge and Penybont.

The Board serves in all a proximation of 144,000 with an average of 7 million gallons a day rising to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  million gallons a day in times of dry weather.

The Board owns a number of sources of water both surface and underground throughout its area. Porthcawl is supplied partly from the Craig-yr-Aber gathering grounds, and partly from the large underground source at Schwyll, near Ogmore-by-Sea. The Schwyll water being derived from lime formation, is hard. Approximately half the Urban District is supplied from Craig-yr-Aber source and half from the Schwyll source, but due to the heavy demand during the summer season, almost 80% of the water supplied during that period is from the Schwyll source.

All houses in the area are provided with individual water supplies direct to the houses.

### **2— Drainage and Sewerage.**

The major portion of the district is sewered; one small section has a separate system for surface water drainage the remainder is on a combined system. That part of the Urban Area, west of the railway, drains by gravity to a sea outfall near Iron Gate Point. Most of the sewage of the Eastern section gravitates to a pumping station at Glan Road, the remainder to a sea outfall situated at Newton Point.

### **Cesspools.**

The emptying and cleansing of cesspools is carried out by the Council's workmen under the direction of the Surveyor. Within your area there are 22 cesspools which serve 30 houses.

## **THE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL OF TOWN REFUSE**

### **Collection.**

This work is carried out by the Council's own staff under the direction and supervision of the Engineer and Surveyor. Residential quarters have a weekly collection of their household refuse, whilst from business centres and hotels the refuse is collected twice weekly, or more frequently if the necessity exists.

All refuse is collected in modern and specially designed motor vehicles, thereby reducing to a minimum any nuisance which may arise.

## **Refuse Disposal.**

The disposal of refuse is by "Controlled Tipping," the tip being situated on the sand dunes in the eastern part of your area. The tipping is carried out in proper layer formation, the refuse being levelled and top dressed with sand.

The problem of finding suitable tipping land, however, continues to be of an urgent and major problem in your District.

## **Back Lanes.**

Every effort is made to keep back lanes of the District as clean and passable as present circumstances will allow. Frequent inspections are made with a view to preventing deposit and accumulation of refuse thereon.

### **SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA**

#### **(i) The number and nature of inspections.**

##### **General Sanitation**

Water Supply .....	238
Drainage .....	582
Fried Fish Shops .....	94
Tents, Vans, Sheds .....	1,498
Factories .....	10
Bakehouses .....	7
Public Conveniences .....	272
Theatres and Places of Entertainment .....	15
Refuse Collection .....	131
Refuse Disposal .....	131
Rats and Mice .....	181
Schools .....	10
Shops .....	694
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits .....	745

##### **Housing**

###### **UNDER THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS**

Number of Houses inspected .....	117
Visits paid to above Houses .....	117

###### **UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS**

Number of Houses inspected .....	112
Visits paid to other Houses .....	112

###### **VERMINOUS PREMISES**

Number of Houses inspected .....	17
Visits paid to above Houses .....	38

###### **HOUSING**

Miscellaneous Housing Visits .....	588
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##### **Infectious Diseases**

Miscellaneous Infectious Disease visits .....	22
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## **Meat and Food Inspection**

Visits to :

Meat Shops .....	433
Fishmongers and Poulterers .....	327
Grocers .....	413
Greengrocers and Fruiterers .....	373
Food Preparing Premises .....	346
Restaurants .....	555
Ice-cream Premises .....	323
Miscellaneous Food Visits .....	703

## **Factories.**

There are 38 Factories (Mechanical and Non-Mechanical) in the district as follows :

Engineering Works (Motor Repair, etc.) .....	10
Bakehouses .....	3
Shoemakers .....	3
Plumbers .....	3
Timber Merchants and Joiners .....	4
Sewage Pumping Stations .....	2
Builders' Workshops .....	6
Cycle Repair Shops .....	2
Quarries .....	3
Jewellery .....	1
Printers .....	1

## **ADMINISTRATION OF THE SHOPS ACTS**

Number of Shop Premises on the Register .....	228
Visits paid to Shops during year .....	694

## **ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963**

Number of establishments licensed under this Act .....	2
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## **ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS**

52 visits were made to 18 premises.

The work of disinfection was carried out by the Public Health Department and the costs incurred were recovered from the owner and/or occupier of the infested premises. In every instance contact insecticides were used, and the results proved satisfactory.



## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

A rodent operator is employed by the Council for the destruction of rats throughout the district. All complaints from private and business premises were attended to, the treatment being carried out free of charge in private premises, but the cost of treatment at business and commercial premises was recovered.

Below is a copy of the annual report forwarded to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in respect of the above :—

Properties Other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. Number of properties in district	4,521	15
2. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification .....	52	—
(b) Number infested by—		
(i) Rats .....	43	—
(ii) Mice .....	9	—
3. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification .....	1,499	—
(b) Number infested by—		
(i) Rats .....	100	—
(ii) Mice .....	15	—

At points where there was a good take, follow-up treatments were done. Regular treatments of the sewers have resulted in less complaints being now received of surface infestation as compared with previously when there was a tendency for rats to breed in the sewers.

### ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Atmospheric pollution is not a problem in your area and no action was necessary.

### SCHOOLS IN THE PORTHCAWL AREA

Ten visits were made to schools during the year. There are, in your area, five large, well-equipped schools provided by the County Council.

Two modern Primary Schools serve the East Ward of the area.

The third incorporating all the latest facilities in modern design, is situated in the north end of Suffolk Place, in the West Ward of the area.

The Fourth school is a modern Secondary School situated in Park Avenue, in the West Ward. This latter school is of modern design and situated in pleasant surroundings.

In addition there are also the following schools in the Porthcawl district :

1. St. Clare's Convent School, Newton.
2. St. John's Preparatory School, Newton.
3. The Cardiff Outdoor Pursuits Centre, Nottage.

### HOUSING

#### General Observations

During the year 104 houses were erected by private enterprise, and 52 by the Local Authority.

I wish to thank the Housing Manager for his co-operation in discussing with me housing problems complicated by medical features.

The following are particulars of the Housing position as at the end of the year :

1. Number of dwellings owned by the Council .....	441
2. Number of applicants housed .....	73
3. Transfers effected .....	19

Particulars relating to registered applicants :

Total applications on Live List (excluding O.A.P.) ...	237
Applications for Aged Persons' Bungalows .....	92
4. Applications received locally during 1967 :	
For Houses .....	85
For O.A.P. Bungalows/One Bedroom Flats .....	28

The following table indicates the progress of house erection in the Urban Area from 1893 to 1967.

From 1893 to 1900	55	houses	were	completed	and	occupied
„ 1900 to 1905	96	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1905 to 1910	492	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1910 to 1915	249	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1915 to 1920	98	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1920 to 1925	233	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1925 to 1930	137	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1930 to 1935	275	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1935 to 1940	337	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1940 to 1945	—	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1945 to 1946	14	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1946 to 1947	58	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1947 to 1948	86	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1948 to 1949	26	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1949 to 1950	17	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1950 to 1951	29	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1951 to 1952	139	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1952 to 1953	93	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1953 to 1954	43	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1954 to 1955	46	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1955 to 1956	86	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1956 to 1957	80	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1957 to 1958	53	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1958 to 1959	64	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1959 to 1960	88	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1960 to 1961	144	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1961 to 1962	163	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1962 to 1963	148	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1963 to 1964	174	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1964 to 1965	154	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1965 to 1966	141	„	„	„	„	„
„ 1966 to 1967	156	„	„	„	„	„

## HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of houses erected by the Local Authority : —

(1) Under the Housing Acts .....	441
(2) Other Powers .....	—

Number of houses erected during the year : —

Total .....	156
(1) By Local Authority .....	52
(2) By Other Bodies and Persons .....	104

### Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the Year.

(1) Clearance Areas .....	—
(2) Closing and Demolition Orders .....	2
(3) Housing Repairs : —	
(a) Unfit houses made fit by—	
(1) Informal Action .....	121
(2) Formal Action : Public Health Acts—	
(a) By Owners .....	—
(b) By Council .....	—
Housing Acts—	
(a) By Owners .....	—
(b) By Council .....	—

### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

During the summer months 9 caravan sites were in use. 1,498 visits were made to these sites in 1967.

Very good co-operation is received from the caravan owners in connection with the conditions that were imposed on their Licences as the result of the Caravan and Control of Development Act, 1960.

The figures, set out hereunder, relate to conditions prevailing at the peak period for camping, viz.: August first week. (Figures in brackets relate to the official Bank Holiday, i.e. 28/8/67).

	<i>Ordinary Camps</i>	<i>Organised Camps</i>
Aggregate No. of structures occupied .....	4,057 (3,996)	187 (115)
Aggregate No. of occupants estimate at 5 persons per structure .....	20,275 (19,980)	1,057 (935) (Actual)

For Comparison

<i>Total Camping Population</i>		<i>Total No. of Occupied Structures</i>	
Year 1967 .....	21,327	1967 .....	4,244
„ 1966 .....	22,105	1966 .....	4,437
„ 1965 .....	21,985	1965 .....	4,400
„ 1964 .....	20,626	1964 .....	4,141
„ 1963 .....	16,965	1963 .....	3,390
„ 1962 .....	17,090	1962 .....	3,418
„ 1961 .....	17,372	1961 .....	3,492
„ 1960 .....	16,257	1960 .....	3,273
„ 1959 .....	18,264	1959 .....	3,681
„ 1958 .....	17,267	1958 .....	3,465
„ 1957 .....	16,445	1957 .....	3,295
„ 1956 .....	15,266	1956 .....	3,078
„ 1955 .....	16,200	1955 .....	2,777
„ 1954 .....	13,947	1954 .....	2,346
„ 1953 .....	12,072	1953 .....	2,042
„ 1952 .....	12,072	1952 .....	2,055
„ 1951 .....	11,305	1951 .....	1,889
„ 1950 .....	10,719	1950 .....	1,794
„ 1949 .....	10,532	1949 .....	1,795
„ 1948 .....	10,443	1948 .....	1,733
„ 1947 .....	6,262	1947 .....	1,041
„ 1946 .....	8,383	1946 .....	1,368

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Food Hygiene Regulations.

The regulations came into operation in 1956, and have resulted in an improvement in the handling and distribution of food.

Continued vigilance and frequent inspections are required in order to maintain a high standard of cleanliness in the shops, cafes and hotels and to impress on those in control the heavy responsibility that is placed upon them in ensuring that the Regulations are in all respects observed.

### MEAT INSPECTION

There is no public slaughterhouse or licensed private slaughterhouse within your area.

Your area, therefore, has to rely on the facilities available at the Bridgend Slaughterhouse, and to a lesser degree at the Port Talbot Slaughterhouse.

Number of Meat Shops ..... 20

Visits to Meat Shops ..... 433

## OTHER FOOD PREMISES

3,040 visits have been paid to other premises (bakehouses, cafes, fishmongers, etc.), where food intended for human consumption is prepared, stored or sold.

## UN SOUND FOOD

The undermentioned foodstuffs were, upon examination rejected as unfit for human consumption:

2,248lbs. Cooked Ham ; 193lbs. Pork Meat Products ; 41lbs. Beef Meat Products ; 12lbs. Veal ; 65lbs. Misc. Meat Products ; 96lbs. Chickens; 21lbs. Rice; 45lbs. Mushrooms; 28lbs. Tomatoes; 19lbs. Misc. Vegetable Products; 57lbs. Apricot; 25lb. Grapefruit; 32lbs. Peaches ; 35lbs. Pears ; 18lb. Pineapple ; 23lb. Misc. Fruit Products ; 62lbs. Fish Products ; 35lbs. Salmon ; 3lbs. Fresh Bream Fillets ; 74lb. Tins of Food ; 94 gallons Ice Cream.

## Ice Cream

The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations came into force on the 1st May, 1947. These regulations prescribe the method by which Ice Cream should be manufactured. The occupiers of all the registered premises within the Urban District are aware of the requirements of these Regulations.

Total number of premises registered .....	96
(a) Number registered for manufacture storage and sale of Ice Cream .....	2
(b) Number registered for storage and sale of Ice Cream only .....	94
Visits of inspection in connection with the above .....	323

## ADULTERATION OF FOOD, etc.

Public Health Inspectors of the Glamorgan County Council are responsible for the sampling under the Foods and Drugs Act, 1955. The following samples were taken in the Council's area during 1967.

Aspirin .....	3	Margarine .....	2
Butter .....	3	Meat Products .....	1
Coffee and Chicory .....	1	Milk .....	13
Chocolate Drink .....	1	Olive Oil .....	1
Condensed Milk .....	2	Soft Drinks .....	3
Chutney .....	1	Sugar .....	2
Cream .....	2	Soup (canned) .....	1
Cough Linctus .....	1	Vegetables (canned) .....	2
Fish Paste .....	1	Wine .....	4
Fruit (canned) .....	2		—
Fruit Juice .....	1	TOTAL .....	52
Ice Cream .....	5		—



## FACTORIES

The factories in the district have been systematically inspected and the details as required by the Factory Act, 1961 are set out in the table below.

1.—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Premises	Number on Register	Number of—		Occupiers Prosecuted
		Inspections	Written Notices	
Factories in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .....	8	3	...	—
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .....	30	12	...	—
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .....	—	—	...	—
Total.....	38	15	...	—

# FACTORIES—Continued

2.—Cases in which **DEFECTS** were found.

Premises	Number of cases in which defects were found—				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	...	—	...	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	...	—	...	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	...	—	...	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	...	—	...	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	...	—	...	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient	—	...	—	...	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	—	...	—	...	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	...	—	...	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	...	—	...	—
Total.....	—	...	—	...	—

3.—**Outwork**—During the year no outworkers were notified as residing in this district.

## OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This part of the Officers duties is time consuming, but has been very worthwhile. We are pleased to record that most Offices were found to be satisfactory, and full co-operation has been received from the Owners and Occupiers alike.

One feature which we could mention, which has proved beneficial to employees, is that the lighting standards have been considerably improved on a voluntary basis.

The following is an extract from the Annual Report submitted to the Ministry of Labour for the Porthcawl District.

Class of Premises	No. of Premises registered during the year	Total No. of Regis- tered Premises at the end of year	No. of Persons Employed
Offices .....	3	35	217
Retail Shops .....	7	129	476
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	—	4	28
Caterings Estabs., open to public, canteens .....	1	37	319
Fuel Storage Depots .....	—	1	5
			—
			1.045
Totals.....	11	206	(355 Males, 690 F'males)

# Diseases Notified during the year 1967

Notifiable Diseases	Cases Notified in Whole District									
	Under 1	1—2	2—3	3—4	4—5	5—	At Ages — 10—	15—	25—	35— 45—
Measles .....	2	8	7	13	11	50	1	—	—	—
Tuberculosis—										
Pulmonary .....	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—
Non Pulmonary .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough .....	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever .....	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—
TOTALS .....	2	8	7	14	12	52	1	—	1	—

# DEATHS FROM CANCER

Organ affected	0—25 yrs.		25—35 yrs.		35—45 yrs.		45—55 yrs.		55—65 upwards		65—75		75 over		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Stomach .....									2		3		1		6	
Colon .....								1	2					1	2	2
Rectum .....							1							1	1	1
Kidney .....											2				2	
Lung and Bronchus .....									3		2		1		6	1
Breast .....							2			1		1		2		6
Liver .....																1
Prostate .....													1		1	
Pancreas .....							1		1					1	1	2
Larynx .....											1				1	
Brain .....							1			1					1	1
Generalised .....									1					1	1	1
TOTAL .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	4	9	2	8	3	3	6	22	15

# CAUSES OF DEATH IN PORTHCAWL URBAN DISTRICT, 1967

Population — 12,810

Causes of Death		M	F
All Causes .....	97	...	73
1 Tuberculosis, respiratory .....	—	...	—
2 Tuberculosis, other .....	—	...	—
3 Syphilitic Disease .....	—	...	—
4 Diphtheria .....	—	...	—
5 Whooping Cough .....	—	...	—
6 Meningococcal Infections .....	—	...	—
7 Acute Poliomyelitis .....	—	...	—
8 Measles .....	—	...	—
9 Other infective and parasitic diseases .....	—	...	—
10 Malignant Neoplasm, stomach .....	6	...	—
11 Malignant Neoplasm, lung bronchus .....	6	...	1
12 Malignant Neoplasm, breast .....	—	...	6
13 Malignant Neoplasm, uterus .....	—	...	—
14 Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm .....	10	...	8
15 Leukaemia, aleukaemia .....	1	...	—
16 Diabetes .....	1	...	1
17 Vascular lesions of nervous system .....	9	...	17
18 Coronary disease, angina .....	33	...	14
19 Hypertension with heart disease .....	1	...	4
20 Other heart disease .....	2	...	8
21 Other circulatory disease .....	1	...	5
22 Influenza .....	—	...	—
23 Pneumonia .....	5	...	3
24 Bronchitis .....	8	...	1
25 Other diseases of respiratory system .....	2	...	—
26 Ulcer of stomach and duodenum .....	1	...	—
27 Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea .....	—	...	1
28 Nephritis and nephrosis .....	2	...	—
29 Hyperplasia of prostate .....	1	...	—
30 Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion .....	—	...	—
31 Congenital malformations .....	—	...	1
32 Other defined and ill-defined diseases .....	4	...	3
33 Motor vehicle accidents .....	3	...	1
34 All other accidents .....	1	...	—
35 Suicide .....	—	...	—
36 Homicide and operations of war .....	—	...	—

In conclusion, I wish to again record my indebtedness to all Council members and the Council staff, for their willing assistance during the year. In particular I would like to thank Mr. Trevor Rees, your Chief Public Health Inspector, and other members of the Public Health Department for their co-operation in maintaining the efficiency of this Department and in compiling this report.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. ALUN EVANS,

Medical Officer of Health.





